



EVENT FOR EDUCATOR'S INTRODUCES CAREERS IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

On Wednesday, January 21, over 30 area middle school and high school counselors attended a program that introduced them to the healthcare industry and provided them a wealth of knowledge and information that they can share with their students and advise them on the various careers.

The healthcare educational session and tour was held at the new St. Mary Medical Center in Valparaiso and was a combined effort on behalf of the Indiana Works Council of Northwest Indiana and READY NWI, highlighting many in-demand and high wage jobs. "This informational session and tour is a valuable vehicle in helping to introduce the industry and the many jobs available to the career teachers and counselors, so that they are better equipped to inform and guide those students who are interested in healthcare," said Kris Emmaus, chair of the regional Works Council and member of the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board.

Participants began their morning with presentations from the many departments, including human resources, clinical engineering, information technology, imaging services, cardiology health information management, Lab, physical therapy, revenue cycle, and nursing administration. Department heads talked and answered questions about their current workforce needs and the education and training requirements for jobs and careers.

On-site department tours followed and ended with a networking lunch and presentation by Mr. Patrick Bankston, PhD, Associate Dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine Northwest and Dean of IU Northwest's College of Health and Human Services.

For further information regarding the healthcare tour or future industry tours, contact Barb Grimsgard at 219-462-2940, ext. 28.

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